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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
ADITI DRON ) Examiner: L. Wong  
Application No.: 09/784,970 ) Group Art Unit: 1761  
Filed: February 16, 2001 )  
For: PROCESS FOR MAKING )  
GRANULATED N-[N-(3,3- )  
DIMETHYLBUTYL)-L- $\alpha$ - )  
ASPARTYL]-L-PHENYLALANINE) )  
1-METHYL ESTER : November 2, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This is not a response on the merits to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001, in the above-identified case.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document WO 99/58553 is provided in the form of an English language abstract and in corresponding EP 1 076 063.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/215,460	12/17/98	1761
09/465,402	12/17/99	1761
09/568,437	5/10/00	1761
09/568,436	5/10/00	1761

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

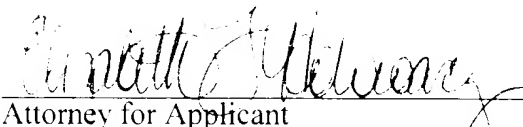
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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